



State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2004 - 5

LOUISIANA WILD CAUGHT SHRIMP INDUSTRY TRADE ACTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Wild Caught Shrimp Industry Trade Action Advisory Council was originally established by executive order to create an advisory body and/or council that will consolidate its efforts to initiate a trade action to protect itself from unfair trade practices utilized by foreign countries importing shrimp into the United States;
- WHEREAS,** the wild caught shrimp industry is an integral part of the state of Louisiana’s history, culture, and economy and is a major component of the economy, providing employment and tax revenue for the state of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** certain foreign shrimp producing countries have utilized unfair trade practices that greatly damage the state’s wild caught shrimp industry;
- WHEREAS,** funding sources and mechanisms must be developed in order to support a trade action for the protection of the domestic wild caught shrimp industry;
- WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana supports a trade action by a consolidated wild caught shrimp industry in Louisiana and intends to assist in its success; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of the State of Louisiana will best be served by the continuance of an advisory council that will assist the state in its efforts to initiate trade actions to protect itself from unfair trade practices utilized by foreign countries importing shrimp into the United States;
- NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:
- SECTION 1:** The Louisiana Wild Caught Shrimp Trade Action Advisory Council (hereafter “Council”) is established within the executive department, Office of the Governor.
- SECTION 2:** The duties of the Council shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
- A. Supporting and assisting a trade action brought by a consolidated wild caught shrimp industry;
 - B. Exploring and developing funding sources and mechanisms to assist and support such trade action; and
 - C. Recommending proposed legislation to fund the trade action.
- SECTION 3:** On or before March 1, 2005, the Council shall submit a final report to the governor, and the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, on the issues set forth in Section 2 of this Order.
- SECTION 4:** The Council shall be composed of a maximum of thirteen (13) members who, unless otherwise specified, shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor. The membership of the Council shall be selected as follows:
- A. The governor, or the governor’s designee;
 - B. The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, or the secretary’s designee;
 - C. The president of the Louisiana Senate, or the president’s designee;

- D. The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or the speaker's designee;
- E. The chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, or the chair's designee;
- F. The chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources, or the chair's designee;
- G. Two (2) members appointed by the governor from a list of four (4) Louisiana residents nominated by the Louisiana Shrimp Association;
- H. Two (2) members appointed by the governor from a list of four (4) Louisiana residents nominated by the Louisiana Shrimp Industry Coalition;
- I. One (1) member appointed by the governor from a list of three (3) Louisiana residents nominated by the American Shrimp Processors Association;
- J. One (1) member appointed by the governor from a list of three (3) Louisiana residents nominated by the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries who possess a current gear and boat license; and
- K. One (1) at-large member.

SECTION 5: The chair of the Council shall be appointed by the governor from the membership of the Council. All other officers, if any, shall be elected from the membership of the Council.

SECTION 6: The Council shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals and at the call of the chair.

- SECTION 7:**
- A. Council members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Council.
 - B. Council members who are employees or an elected public officials of the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.
 - C. Council members who are also members of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Louisiana Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for their attendance.

SECTION 8: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Office shall be provided by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

SECTION 9: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Office in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 10: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 25th day of March, 2004.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE